



# News Release

## December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 931 million pounds of milk during December, down 0.2 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The daily rate per cow was 71.1 pounds, up 0.8 pounds from December 2017. The dairy herd was estimated at 422,000 head for December, down 6,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 17.1 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from December 2017. The daily production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 63.4 pounds for December, up 0.7 pounds from December 2017. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.72 million head, 21,000 head less than December 2017, and 2,000 head less than November 2018.

### Milk production, December

Commodity	Michigan			23 Major States		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Cows ..... 1,000 Hd	425	428	422	8,683	8,736	8,715
Daily rate per cow ..... Pounds	69.0	70.3	71.1	62.4	62.7	63.4
Production ..... Mil lbs	910	933	931	16,788	16,978	17,133